

HONORING NELSON BENTON

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nelson Benton, who will soon retire after 40 years of service at The Salem News in Salem, Massachusetts.

Since he was hired in 1972, Nelson has worked as a reporter, city editor, managing editor, and editorial page editor. Nelson's weekly political column, which has been a fixture in the paper for more than 25 years, is widely read and discussed throughout the region. Nelson was recognized by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors in 2008, when they awarded him the prestigious Yankee Quill award. He was also inducted into the New England Press Association Hall of Fame in 2009.

For four decades, Nelson has covered issues impacting our community, from the Blizzard of '78 to issues of education and transportation to the careers of Mayors, State Lawmakers, and Members of Congress. Nelson has been quick to adapt his content to new technologies and formats. Even in his upcoming retirement, I am confident that Nelson will be blogging and tweeting with the best of them.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Nelson Benton, a seasoned journalist, on his retirement. I wish Nelson and his wife Laurie, who has served as a longtime public school teacher in our community, the best of luck as they move west to Arizona.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on June 26, 2012, I was detained and missed votes. In my 26 years in Congress, I have taken pride in having missed very few votes. Had I been here, I would have cast the following votes:

On rollcall 412, on ordering the Previous Question for consideration of the FY13 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 413, on H. Res. 69, the rule for consideration of the FY13 Agriculture and Transportation Appropriations bills, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 414, the Hoyer Motion to Instruct Conferees on the surface transportation reauthorization bill, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 415, the Black Motion to Instruct Conferees on the surface transportation reauthorization bill, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 416, an amendment offered by Mr. Connolly of Virginia to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 417, an amendment offered by Mr. McClintock of California to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 418, an amendment offered by Mr. Garrett of New Jersey to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 419, an amendment offered by Ms. Capps of California to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 420, an amendment offered by Mr. Gosar of Arizona to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 421, the first amendment offered by Mr. Broun of Georgia to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 422, the second amendment offered by Mr. Broun of Georgia to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 423, the fourth amendment offered by Mr. Broun of Georgia to H.R. 5972, I would have voted "no."

JUDGEMENT DAY FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Justice Department, with the aid of the ATF, facilitated the smuggling of over 2,000 weapons to the drug cartels south of the border—the national enemy in Mexico.

Hundreds of Mexican nationals died as a result of this operation.

Mexican Attorney General Morales says she was left in the dark about Operation Fast and Furious.

And she wants those officials who were involved to be extradited and sent to the U.S. for prosecution.

She is more interested in Fast and Furious than our own Attorney General.

Our own Attorney General says he still doesn't know who authorized this reckless and deadly operation and doesn't want any help from Congress to find the answers.

Tomorrow is the day of reckoning for AG as he still refuses to turn over the evidence.

What is he hiding? And why is he hiding it.

The time of hiding is over. It's time for Congress to hold someone accountable. We call it contempt.

Tomorrow is Judgment day for the Attorney General.

And that's just the way it is.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,782,570,144,097.96. We've added \$5,155,693,095,184.88 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

On this day in 1950, President Harry Truman ordered air force and naval forces into the Korean War. A robust economy supported our powerful military. We must balance the budget in order to support our troops more fully.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in my family, I missed the following Rollcall Votes: No. 379 through No. 411 during the week of June 18–June 21, 2012.

If present, I would have voted:

Rollcall Vote No. 379—S. 684, To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 380—S. 404, To modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 381—On Ordering the Previous Question, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 382—On Agreeing to the Resolution, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 383—DeFazio (OR) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 384—Markey (MA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 385—Grijalva (AZ) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 386—H.R. 2578, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 387—H.R. 2578, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 388—H.R. 2938, Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Clarification Act, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 389—H. Res. 691, On Ordering the Previous Question, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 390—H. Res. 691, On Agreeing to the Resolution, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 391—On Walz of Minnesota Motion to Instruct Conferees, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 392—Hastings (WA) Amendment, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 393—Waxman (CA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 394—Connolly (VA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 395—Green (TX) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 396—Rush (IL) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 397—Holt (NJ) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 398—Connolly (VA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 399—Amodei (NV) Amendment, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 400—Markey (MA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 401—Landry (LA) Amendment, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 402—Rigell (VA) Amendment, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 403—Holt (NJ) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 404—Wittman (VA) Amendment, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 405—Bass (CA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 406—Capps (CA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 407—Speier (CA) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 408—DeLauro (CT) Amendment, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 409—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions of H.R. 4480, "nay."